



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 2800

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2006.

In the Office Action, all pending claims 17-20, 25, 31, 34, 37, 39 and 43-45 were rejected. Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the rejections previously set forth generally continued. However, Paragraph 7 of the Office Action addressed the remarks and amendments previously submitted. Specifically, the Office Action cited the Carsella reference as showing calculating an estimated reflected pulse and cited col. 1, line 64 to col. 2, line 2 and col. 9, lines 6-20.

As noted in Carsella col. 9, lines 6-20, the "auto referencing step" involves a direct measurement of the reflected pulse. This is not an estimation as set forth in the pending claims. For this reason alone, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Further, even if somehow one could equate the actual measurement of a value as